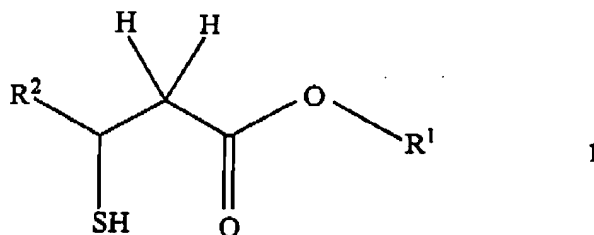


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-8. (CANCELED)

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of adding a flavor or fragrance to a product to provide the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the method comprising adding to the product at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl and alkadienyl groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R^2 is selected from the group consisting of methyl and ethyl, with the proviso that R^2 is not methyl when R^1 is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of a food, a beverage, a healthcare product, a household product, and combinations thereof.
11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, tert-butyl, n-hexyl, (Z)-2-hexenyl, (E)-3-hexenyl, (E)-2-hexenyl, (Z)-3-hexenyl and n-octyl.
12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one compound is selected from the group consisting of 3-mercaptoputanoic acid methyl ester, 3-mercaptoputanoic acid n-hexyl ester, (R)-3-mercaptoputanoic acid methyl ester, 3-mercaptoputanoic acid (Z)-3-hexenyl ester, 3-mercaptopentanoic acid ethyl ester, and precursors thereof.
13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one compound is 3-mercaptoputanoic acid methyl ester.
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the precursor is formed by reaction of acyl chloride with the compound of formula 1.
15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the compound(s) of formula I or the precursor(s) thereof is/are present in an amount of 0.001 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg of said product.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the compound(s) of formula I or the precursor(s) thereof is/are present in an amount of 0.01 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg of said product.

17-21. (CANCELED)